

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomoharu TANAKA, et al.

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For: **NONVOLATILE
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY
DEVICE AND NONVOLATILE
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY
SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.